Installation of equipments at Akashvani Bhavan

227. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether work pertaining to furnishing and installation of equipments etc. at Akashvani Bhavan in Tamil Nadu has been completed;

(b) by when the broadcasting of local and other programmes is likely to be started therefrom;

(c) the total amount spent on the construction of the said building; and

(d) the number of employees working there category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) There is no scheme as such to establish an Akashvani Bhavan in Tamil Nadu. However, as a part of the ongoing 7th Plan Schemes, three new Radio Stations, one each at Kodaikanal, Tuticorin and Ootacamund are envisaged to be set up by the end of March, 1993. An amount of Rs. 117.60 lakhs for civil works had been spent for the Radio Stations at Kodaikanal, Tuticorin and Ootacamund upto 31.3.90. No employee is posted at these stations at present.

Setting up of TV Station in Tamil Nadu

228. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more T.V. Stations in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the names and locations of proposed T. V. Stations;

(c) by when these stations are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The following TV projects are under implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(i) establishment of additional studio facilities for Second Channel TV Service at Madras. This project is envisaged to be commissioned into service during 1992-93; and

(ii) installation of a High Power (10 KW) TV transmitter with a 300 M high tower at Rameshwaram. This project is envisaged to be commissioned into service during 1993-94.

In addition, it has been decided to set up a Low Power (100W) TV transmitter at Nagapattinam under Doordarshan's Annual plan for the year 1990-91. Action has been initiated to obtain formal approval of the Government for establishment of a TV Studio Centre at Madurai. The lead time for completion of the projects of this nature is around four years after commencement of civil works at the site.

Selection process in public Enterprises

229. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of objections have been made in regard to selection process of the Public Enterprises Selection Board;

(b) whether a number of lapses have been noticed;

(c) whether objections have been raised against the wrong process of empanelment of persons from a post of Director in the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and details of selection made by PESB during the past six months for different companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A complaint was received regarding the selection for the post of Director in the Natonal Mineral Development Corporation Limited and it was found that the selection was made in accordance with the established selection policy and procedure. The PESB is a recommendatory body for making re commendations to Government in respect of appointments in Board-level positions in public Sector Enterprises. The selection process is an ongoing activity. During the past six months, ending January 1991, the PESB made recommendations in about 75 cases relating to selection for Board-level positions in various Public Sector Enterprises.

Atomic power plant in Kerala

230. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is present position of the proposed Atomic power Plant in Kerala; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) There is no plan, at present, to set up a nuclear power plant in Kerala. However the Kerala Government have proposed five sites in Kerala for possible location of a nuclear power plant in future. These are being examined by a Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy. The Committee has not yet completed its assessment. The question does not arise at this stage.

Exploitation of harijan girls in the Social Welfare Department Hostel at Narayankhed Andhra Pradesh

231. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have been received about sexual exploitation of harijan girls in the Social Welfare Department Hostel at Nareyankhed in the Medak District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the State Government has been asked to take stringent action against those involved in this scandal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has been referred to the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, for a thorough enquiry into the alleged incidents. Report of the State Government is awaited.

Warning system for cyclones and Floods

232. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the system of giving warning for Cyclones and floods for 3-4 days in advance; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to improve the system and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is the nodal agency for providing cyclone warnings in India. Cyclone warnings are provided by monitoring the movement of the cyclones with the help of conventional observations, high power cyclone detection radars, INSAT Statellite and then forecasting the path and intensity of cyclones. The cyclone warning are provided in two stages. In the first stage, a "Cyclone alert" is issued, 48 hours in advance of commencement of adverse whether along